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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SECURITY

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1. THE ONLY INTERNATIONAL AIR FACILITY SERVING THE CAR IS M'POKO AIRPORT SITUATED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BANGUI. THE AIRPORT HANDLES WEEKLY SCHEDULED INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS. CARRIERS SERVICING THE AIRPORT INCLUDE AEROFLOT, AIR ZAIRE, UTA, AIR AFRIQUE AND AIR CAMEROON.

2. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT HAD THE BENEFIT OF A HOST COUNTRY BRIEFING ON THE SECURITY AND ANTI-TERRORIST MEASURES AT THE AIRPORT, FROM THE OBSERVATIONS OF EMBASSY STAFF OFFICERS THESE MEASURES APPEAR TO BE MARGINAL. OUR OBSERVATIONS HAVE BEEN LIMITED TO THE ARRIVAL/TRANSIT LOUNGE AREAS WHICH ALTHOUGH OFFICIALLY CLOSED TO NON-TRAVELERS IN FACT ARE ACCESSIBLE TO LOCALS AND THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS.

3. OUR CONSULAR OFFICER RAISED THE POINTS PRESENTED IN REFERENCE INFORMALLY WITH THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN POLICE AUGUST 28. OUR OFFER TO OCCASSIONALLY PROVIDE APPROPRIATE TERRORIST-RELATED INFORMATION WAS WELL RECEIVED AND OUR INTERLOCUTOR EXPRESSED AN INTEREST

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IN TRAINING ASSISTANCE, PREFERABLY IN THE U.S. FROM HIS

COMMENTS IT APPEARS CAR NOW ONLY RECEIVES LIMITED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM INTERPOL. BASED ON HIS COMMENTS WE BELIEVE THE GOCAR MIGHT RESPOND FAVORABLY TO AN OFFER OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

4. WE WILL RAISE SUBJECT INDEPENDENTLY WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY AND WILL URGE RATIFICATION OF CONVENTIONS. WE HAVE ALSO REQUESTED BRIEFINGS ON AIRPORT SECURITY PROCEDURES AND WILL ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT ACCORDINGLY.

5. POST WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFORMATION, IN FRENCH, ON THE FAA SECURITY TRAINING PROGRAM AS WELL AS TERRORIST RELATED INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE PASSED TO THE GOCAR. ALSO, WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT CAR IS OF LOW PRIORITY BECAUSE OF LIMITED NUMBER OF AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO PASS THROUGH BANGUI, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MOST DESIRABLE TO HAVE CAR OFFICIALS ATTEND FAA COURSES IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE AND INSTRUCTION IS IN FRENCH.
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